

Special February Dates

February 8-12 School Counselor Week. Thank you Ms. Hill and Ms. Roy

February 12 & 15 No school for students

February 18 Math/Science Family Night 6:30 p.m.

February 23 Interims Issued

February 26 All Pro Dads 7:00-7:30 a.m. in Learning Commons

Upcoming Events:

February 29- March 4 — Read Across America Week

March 2— Collaborative Planning Day – students dismiss at 11:40 a.m. & Spring Fundraiser Kick-Off

March 4— Spring Pictures (individual and class)

School Improvement & Title One Committee Meeting 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

March 9—Spring Arts Program 6:00 p.m.

March 14— Spring Book Fair

March 24— Field Day for all grade levels

March 24- All Pro Dads 7:00- 7:30 a.m. in Learning

March 28-31-Spring Break

School Notes

**Office Hours 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
School hours: 7:35 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.**

Please make sure all transportation changes are made in writing.

No dismissals are allowed after **1:45 p.m.**

It is important to have your child to school on time each day so they get their day started in a positive manner. If your child arrives after **7:35 a.m.**, they are tardy and must be signed in by an adult 18 years of age or older.

Breakfast and lunch menus can be found on the district website www.lexington1.net.

Please write a parent note or send a doctor's excuse when your child is absent from school.

It is important to your child's safety that all contact information is kept up to date. Please make any changes needed in writing.

Applications are being accepted for our 4-year-old program (**4K**) starting January 25, 2016.

Children eligible must turn four years old on or before September 1, 2016.

Screening will take place in May 2016. This screening process is available for families living in the Lexington School District One attendance area.



For additional information, please call the school office at 821-2500.

Forts Pond Elementary School is a **Title One** school. Additional information about our **Title One** plan is available on our website

Date Changes To Make Up Days Missed in October

- March 25 students report to school
- April 22 students report to school
- May 16 students report to school

PTO NEWS

With your help we were able to fund a fence around the playground in the rear of the school.
Check it out!

On March 4, we will hold our spring fundraiser kick-off. We will be selling cookie dough. Thanks in advance for your help raising funds for our school.

Want to be kept up to date on all that PTO is doing???? Like us on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/mightymallardspto

Lexington District 1 Art teachers will host the 10th annual Winterfest Art Show at Lexington's Old Mill. Forts pond will have 10 artworks represented at the show. Please take a moment to visit the Old Mill to see some of Forts Pond's finest artwork. The artwork will be on display from **January 28– February 9**. Congratulations to the following FPES artists who will have work on display:

Justin Flake, 5th	Luis Garcia, 5th
Mallory Lucas, 3rd	Rilee Sturkie, 3rd
Abigail Pileró-Ramirez, 3rd	Sarina Rivenbark, 2nd
Cody Felts, 5th	Jessica Johnson, 5th
Zaira Gonzalez-Garcia, 5th	Keagan Johnson, 5th

The deadline to order Yearbooks is quickly approaching. Orders accepted until February 5th, but No Later, due to deadline set by the yearbook company.

**2015-2016 FPES
Yearbooks on
Sale Now!
Soft Cover—\$20.00
Hard Cover—\$25.00**

Please see the Yearbook Order Form for additional add-ons and available packages or order online at:
ybpay.lifetouch.com
Yearbook ID Code:
11855316

Thank you for your Support!

Off the Charts in Related Arts for January

ART— White, Sturkie, Weber

SPANISH—Bain, Roever, Spence, Veselak, Dingeldein

STEM Spence, Cribb, Sturkie

PE— Spence, Siceloff, Cribb, Roever, Hale, Shealy

MUSIC— Hale, Bledsoe, Siceloff, Veselak, Fedricci,
Wise, Cribb, LaCoe



**All Pro Dad's Day—
Friday, February 26, 2016**

7:00— 7:30 a.m. in the Learning Commons.

This is an **open invitation** to *Dads, Granddads, Uncles*, or any other significant person who may be a part of your child's life. Come and enjoy a light breakfast and some "special moment" time as we synergize to help each other grow in the time we spend with our children.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Mr. McDermet at 803-821-2500.



Class and Individual Pictures

Class and individual pictures will be taken on March 4. You will not receive an order form for the individual pictures. You must preorder the class picture and information about this will be sent home closer to the date. After several weeks a package of pictures will be sent home for you to purchase the pictures you like and send back the pictures you do not want. If you signed the form at the beginning of the year stating your child's picture cannot be released, they will not be included in the class picture. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions about whether or not your child will be included in the class picture.

**Sharpen the Saw at our
Spring Arts Program
March 9, 2016**

**Tour the Art Show
6:00 p.m.**

**K, 1st, and 2nd grade program at
6:30 p.m.**



**Register your Bi-Lo Bonus Card for
Bi-Lo Educational Rewards Program.**

This program allows the school to earn rewards to purchase educational materials. Our school code is 56229.

Have the
whole family link their card to our school!



**Earn Cash for our school with Box
Tops for Education!**

It's easy! Box Tops are each worth 10 cents for our school. Here's how

Box Tops works:

Buy the products + Clip the Box
Tops+ Send Box

Tops to school = \$\$\$\$\$\$ earn cash
for our school.



Parents/Caregivers: We Need Your Help!

As you know we are a Leader in Me School. Our students learn about the 7 Habits every day and have been now for three years. We would like to hear how your child is using the 7 Habits to be successful at home.

We want to share your input with others, so send in those letters to your child's teacher!



School-Wide Writing Goal

85% of our students will gain 9 or more points on the district-wide writing assessment by May 2016.

School-Wide Math Goal

Our school will increase from 4% of our students scoring proficient in math fluency to 50% scoring proficient by May 2016.

We have been practicing the habit Begin with the End in Mind by setting school-wide goals in writing and math.

Check out our goals! We are tracking our progress in the hallways and in classrooms.

For the month of December our goal was for 19% of our students to be proficient in math fluency. We are happy to report that we surpassed that goal and 30% of our students are now proficient in math fluency!

All students are setting personal goals and keeping track of their progress towards these goals in their Leadership Notebook. You will have an opportunity to visit your child's classroom on March 18 so they can share their leadership notebook with you. They will share how they are helping their class, grade and school meet our goals.

Check out www.theleaderinme.org for online resources for parents.

Keep up the great work and continue practicing your math facts ! As of January 17, FPES students have solved over **1 MILLION** math problems! Students are working hard to learn their math facts and their hard work is paying off! They are helping our school meet our school-wide goal of moving from 4% of our students being proficient with math facts to 50% by the end of May. Our goal for December was 19% proficiency, but, our students surpassed that goal! Currently, 30% of students are proficient!!! Our goal for January was to go from 30% to 34%. Great work, FPES students!

Teams of the Week:

Week of Dec. 14 -Mr. Shealy
Player of the week– Bricten Zimmerman

Week of Dec. 21– Ms. Garcia-Elliott
Player of the week– Maggie Northcutt

Week of Dec. 28 -Ms. Cribb
Player of the week– Mikayla Dimery

Week of Jan.4– Ms. Cribb
Player of the week– Mikayla Dimery

Week of Jan. 11– Mr. Shealy
Player of the week– Bricten Zimmerman

Week of Jan. 18– Mr. Shealy
Player of the week– Karl Kirby



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February Children's Books for 7 Habit

Habit	Grades 4k-2	Grades 3-5
Habit 5—February 1, 2016	Howard B. Wigglebottom by Howard Binkow	Mirette on the High Wire by Emily McCully
Habit 6—February 8, 2016	One Love by Cedella Marley	Beatrice's Goat by Paige McBrier
Habit 7—February 15, 2016	Sleep Like A Tiger by Mary Logue	Boxes for Katje by Candace Fleming
Habit 1—February 22, 2016	Bully B.E.A.N.S. by Julia Cook	Thank You Sarah by Laurie Anderson
Habit 2—February 29, 2016	Flight School by Lita Judge	Ruby's Wish by Shirin Yim Bridges

Title One School Improvement Council Meeting

It is time for our committee to review our Title One Plan for 2015-2016 school year and beginning planning for the 2016-2017 school year. You are invited to this time for sharing to learn what we are doing to prepare our children for the 21st century. Also at this time you will be able to provide input on how we can better serve the children of Forts Pond Elementary.

At this meeting we will also have several students talking about the 7 Habits. They will share what each habits means and answer any questions you may have about FPES being a Leader in Me School.

We will hold two meetings on March 4, 2016 to accommodate various schedules. One meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. and another meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend one of these meetings.

Second Nine Weeks Honor Roll

2nd Grade A Honor Roll

Alyssa Cribb, Heliy Delgado, Abigail Downs, Weanyonon Gaye, Breanna Harris, Kaydence Hazle, Zackariah Henson, Avery Hintz, Logan Isenhower, Bryson Kyzer, Logan Lee, Jimmy Marsh, Addie Ocheltree, Kieranda Peele, Serenity Robbins, Nery Rodaz-Guzman, Garrett Rowe, Samantha Skinner, Elliana Smith, Brooke Stalnaker, Keyana Tolen, Cole Towery

2nd Grade A/B Honor Roll

Clifford Beasley, Kenneth Behnke, Victoria Borges, Tristen Budde, Fernando Cardenas-Lopez, Dayton Causey, Cesar Crispin-Vazquez, Austin Garley, Tyler Handwork, Brittany Hill, Leila Hornsby, Dalton Jones, Robert Judy, Benjamin Kinman, Deborah Louvier, Katelyn Melton, Jaden Moore, Nevaeh Orr, Seth Parker, Edgar Perez-Salas, Andy Rawls, Sarina Rivenbark, Tyler Tidwell, Christopher Tindal, Shiloh Tindal, Jeffrey Williams, Hayden Williamson, Travis Wooten, Caroline Zueger

3rd Grade A Honor Roll

Joshua Asbill, Ciara Cooke, Nevaeh Crouch, Darren Gambill, Jessica Handwork, Devon Jackson, Serena Jackson, Bella Lastinger, Mattie Oatman, Trae Ocheltree, Emily Paxton, Abigail Pilero-Ramirez, Zoe Rish, John Roof, Ryleigh Sturkie, Jocelin Tenorio, Autumn Thomas, Kalani Tolen,

3rd Grade A/B Honor Roll

Alyssa Anderson, Justin Brazzell, Kameron Couch, Sidney Covington, Austin Crespo, Calvin Dovre, Brittany Driggers, Rand Ellis, Brooklyn Folden, Barbara Ford, Landen Gantt, Clayton Hill, Dalilah Humphries, Carlee Hutto, Karent Izuierdo-Buenrostro, Emma Jackson, Matthew Jeffcoat, Tucker Johnson, Mahkenzie Jones, Malachi Jones, Elyssa Keith, Dylin Kendall, Brooklin Lanphear, Orlando Lopez, Karsen Lucas, Samantha McCarson, Charley McCorkle, Korbin Menie, Veronica Merrill, Michael Mikusek, Caroline Miley, Payton Rowell, Andrew Satterfield, Emily Sharpe, Ryleigh Stevens, Ashlei Stone, Lindley Walker, Colin Williams, Wesley Wilson

4th Grade A Honor Roll

Alexander Becerra, Mikayla Dimery, Gloria Jacobs, Tye Murphy, Katelyn Pearson, Kaden Pedersen, Alissa Stalnaker, Blake Swink

4th Grade A/B Honor Roll

McKenna Battersby, Ryleigh Budde, Skyler Corn, Hayden Davis, Michael Figueroa, Esmeralda Hernandez-Esquivel, Kaylei McDaniel, Destiny McNeill, Margaret Northcutt, Allison Powell, Stephen Preston, Felicity Roland-Parnell, Michael Shuler, Blake Taylor, Brandon Thomas, Francisco Valencia-Perez, Kaitlyn White, Landon Wooten

5th Grade A Honor Roll

Gabriella Balleza, Jamie Frederici, Hunter Herron, Caroline Lang, Hannah Lucas, Jarrett Mack, Jude Menie, Surina Mims, Declan Rinella, Devin Rosenbusch, Caleb Shumpert, Ashton Spears, Emily Williamson

5th Grade A/B Honor Roll

Jacey Casel, Jaden Castro, Cali Cates, Trenidy Davis, Cody Felts, Luis Garcia, Michael Goff, Zaira Gonzalez-Garcia, Kala Handwork, Gabriel Harwood-Rivera, Sarah Hutto, Jessica Johnson, Keagan Johnson, Brandon Kelly, Tyler Lee, Hannah Lucas, Jenna Mayfield, Hailey Miller, Noah Morales, Skyler Perry, Jakob Rish, Naomi Ruiz, McKenzie Sightler, Jesse Skinner, Chloe Smoak, Hannah Spires, Jessica Spires, Kenneth Spires, Miles Wingard, Sierra Wood

